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SUBJECT: CLIFFORD MISSION - DRAFT STATEMENTS

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1. THE FOLLOWING ARE OUR SUGGESTED DRAFT ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE STATEMENTS, AND SUGGESTIONS FOR MR. CLIFFORD TO DRAW UPON IF A TOAST IS NECESSARY DURING HIS VISIT TO ATHENS.

2. BEGIN TEXT OF DRAFT ARRIVAL STATEMENT: MINISTER BITSIOS, MR. AMBASSADOR, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:

I AM DELIGHTED TO BE IN ATHENS TODAY AND TO EXTEND PRESIDENT CARTER'S WARMEST GREETING TO THE PRESIDENT, THE PRIME MINISTER AND THE PEOPLE OF GREECE.

PRESIDENT CARTER ASKED ME TO UNDERTAKE THIS VISIT TO GREECE, TURKEY AND CYPRUS AS HIS SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE. MY TRIP IS AN INTEGRAL PART OF THE PROCESS OF INTERNATIONAL CONSULTATIONS BETWEEN REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NEW ADMINISTRATION AND FOREIGN LEADERS THAT COMMENCED IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING PRESIDENT CARTER'S INAUGURATION. I WILL EXPLORE DIRECTLY WITH OUR ALLIES AND FRIENDS HOW
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THE UNITED STATES CAN ADD ITS EFFORTS TO THEIRS TO SECURE A MORE PEACEFUL, COOPERATIVE AND STABLE WORLD. ON MY RETURN TO WASHINGTON, I WILL REPORT TO THE PRESIDENT.

IN GREECE, I SHALL MEET WITH YOUR LEADERS AND SEEK THEIR VIEWS ON HOW WE CAN TOGETHER DEEPEN THE MANY BONDS OF FRIENDSHIP AND COOPERATION BETWEEN OUR TWO NATION. I

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INTEND TO SHARE THE VIEWS OF THE NEW ADMINISTRATION AND, MOST IMPORTANTLY, TO LISTEN.

THIS MORNING, I HAD THE PLEASURE OF MEETING UNITED NATIONS SECRETARY GENERAL WALDHEIM IN VIENNA. I ASSURED HIM OF MY GOVERNMENT'S INTENTIONS TO ASSIST HIS EFFORTS TO BRING ABOUT A JUST AND PERMANENT SOLUTION TO THE CYPRUS PROBLEM. A MAIN PURPOSE OF MY TRIP IS TO SEE HOW THE UNITED STATES CAN BE HELPFUL IN THE PROCESS OF NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN THE PARTIES INVOLVED TO BRING PEACE AND HARMONY TO THAT ISLAND.

I HAVE HAD A LONG AND DEEP ASSOCIATION WITH YOUR COUNTRY. I HAD THE HONOR TO SERVE PRESIDENT HARRY TRUMAN IN HELPING TO FORMULATE THE HISTORIC EFFORT THAT BECAME KNOWN AS THE TRUMAN DOCTRINE. I RETURN THRITY YEARS LATER AT A MOMENT WHEN ALL CAN SEE AND APPLAUD THE HEROIC RETURN OF FREEDOM AND DEMOCRACY TO THE LAND WHERE THAT CONCEPT WAS CONCEIVED. GREECE AGAIN IS A MODEL FOR THE WORLD TO FOLLOW AND PRESIDENT CARTER HAS ASKED ME TO ASSURE YOU OF OUR FRIENDSHIP AND SUPPORT FOR GREECE. END TEXT.

3. BEGIN TEXT DRAFT DEPARTURE STATEMENT: YOUR EXCELLENCIES, MR. AMBASSADOR, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:

AS I PREPARE TO LEAVE GREECE, I WANT TO EXTEND MY SINCERE THANKS TO PRIME MINISTER CARAMANLIS AND HIS ASSOCIATES FOR THE MANY COURTESIES THEY HAVE EXTENDED TO ME AND MY PARTY DURING THESE PAST THREE DAYS.

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I AM GRATEFUL TO HAVE HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS WITH THEM, CANDIDLY AND FULLY, MANY PROBLEMS OF CONCERN TO BOTH OUR NATIONS.

GREECE AND THE UNITED STATES HAVE MUCH IN COMMON. WE ARE COMMITTED TO FREEDOM AND DEOMCRACY. WE BOTH SEEK A STABLE AND RATIONAL WORLD. WE SHARE THE DESIRE FOR JUST AND PEACEFUL SOLUTIONS TO THE PROBLEMS OF THE MEDITERRANEAN AREA, AS WELL AS THOSE OF OTHER PARTS OF THE WORLD. I BELIEVE THAT OUR TALKS WILL LEAD TO GREATER UNDER-STANDING BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES.

I AM LEAVING NOW FOR ANKARA WHERE I WILL ENGAGE IN SIMILAR DISCUSSIONS WITH THE TURKISH GOVERNMENT. THEN I SHALL GO TO CYPRUS WHERE I WILL MEET WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF CYPRUS AND LEADERS OF BOTH COMMUNITIES AND UNDERTAKE AN INDEPENDENT ASSESSMENT OF THE SITUATION THERE.

WHEN I RETURN TO WASHINGTON I WILL REPORT TO

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PRESIDENT CARTER ON MY CONSULTATIONS WHICH I AM CONFIDENT
WILL ASSIST HIM TO FORMULATE POLICIES AND EFFORTS, TOGETHER
WITH OUR ALLIES AND FRIENDS, TO PURSUE PEACE AND STABILITY
IN THE EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN AND ELSEWHERE IN THE WORLD.
END TEXT.

4. ALTHOUGH IT IS NOT YET CERTAIN WHETHER THERE WILL BE
ANY REQUIREMENT FOR MR. CLIFFORD TO MAKE A FORMAL TOAST
DURING HIS VISIT, WE NEVERTHELESS PREPARED THE FOLLOWING
WHICH IN ANY CASE HE MAY WISH TO DRAW UPON IN MAKING ANY
REMARKS AT SOCIAL OCCASIONS:

SHELLEY ONCE WROTE, "WE ARE ALL GREEKS." AND HOW
TRUE THAT IS. AN AMERICAN CANNOT COME TO GREECE WITHOUT
A PARTICULAR SENSE OF COMING HOME. SO MUCH THAT IS OUR,
THAT IS WESTERN, HAS ITS ROOTS HERE IN ATHENS. THUS, LIKE
MY FELLOW COUNTRYMEN, I FIND MYSELF TAKEN UP BY A SPECIAL
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SENSE OF RETURN. AND FOR ME THE VISIT ALSO STIRS PERSONAL
MEMORIES. IN ANOTHER ADMINISTRATION, I HAD THE PRIVILEGE
OF WORKING WITH PRESIDENT HARRY S. TRUMAN IN ELABORATING
THE TRUMAN DOCTRINE WHICH OPENED THE FIRST ERA OF AMERICA'S
INVOLVMENT WITH THE POST WAR WOLD.

TODAY, THIRTY YEARS LATER, PRESIDENT CARTER HAS ASKED
ME TO BE HIS SPECIAL EMISSARY TO THIS CRITICAL PART OF THE
WORLD. WE ARE AT THE BEGINNING OF A NEW ADMINISTRATION IN
WASHINGTON. WE ALSO ARE AT THE THRESHOLD OF ANOTHER
ERA OF AMERICA'S INVOLVEMENT WITH THE WORLD.
PRESIDENT CARTER IS DETERMINED THAT THE QUALITIEIS AND IDEALS
WHICH ATTRACTED SO MANY SONS AND DAUGHTERS OF GREECE TO OUR SHORES.

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SHOULD BE FULLY REFLECTED IN AMERICA'S DEALINGS WITH
THE WORLD TODAY. HE INTENDS TO ENSURE THAT OUR TRADITIONAL
MORAL VALUES ARE MEASURED AMONG OUR NATIONAL INTERESTS AS WE
SEEK TO CONTRIBUTE TO A SAFER, MORE PEACEFUL AND MORE
COOPERATIVE WORLD.

MANKIND IS FACED WITH TERRIBLE CAHLLENGES TO ITS
SURVIVAL. WE ARE HAUNTED BY THE SPECTEOR OF NUCLEAR
DEVASTATION, OF HUNGER, AND OF POLLUTION; OF A SURPLUS OF
ANGUISH AND A DEFICIT OF HOPE. YET IF WE HAVE THE POLITICAL
WILL, WE ALSO HAVE BEFORE US MAGNIFICENT OPPORTUNITIES.
WE ARE BECKONED BY A WORLD IN WHICH ALL MEN COULD PEACEFULLY
SHARE TECHNOLOGY'S BOUNTIES: ABUNDANCE, SECURITY AND
PEACE.

PRESIDENT CARTER ASKED ME TO TRAVEL TO GREECE BECAUSE
HE IS CONVINCED THAT THESE POSSIBILITIES CAN ONLY BE SEIZED IF
WE MOVE TOWARDS THEM IN CONCERT WITH OTHER DEMOCRATIC NATIONS.
NO RELATIONSHIP IS MORE IMPORTANT TO THE UNITED STATES THAN
THAT WITH OUR DEMOCRATIC ALLIES, TO WHOM WE ARE BOUND BY
COMMON IDEALS, LINKED ECONOMIES, AND SHARED SECURITY
CONCERNS. WE FEEL PRIVILEGED TO COUNT GREECE AMONG THESE
NATIONS.

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INEVITABLY, AS WE LOOK AHEAD TO THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN
OUR COUNTRIES, THE PAST TENDS TO MOLD OUR EXPECTATIONS OF
THE FUTURE. NEITHER GREECE NOT THE UNITED STATES CAN--OR
SHOULD-- FORGET THE PAST. THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF OUR
ALLIANCE, OT THE LEAST OF WHICH WAS HELPING TO PRESERVE
GLOBAL PEACE AT A TIME OF GREAT DANGER, ARE THERE FOR ALL TO SEE.
BUT THERE HAS BEEN SOME BITTERNESS AND DISAPPOINTMENT AS WELL.
THE ECLIPSE OF DEMOCRACY IN GREECE DIMINISHED US ALL
AND CAST ITS SHADOW OVER FREE MEN EVERYWHERE. AND
THE EVENTS ON CYPRUS HAVE BEEN OF DEEPEST CONCERN TO US.

HAPPILY, THE DAYS OF TENSION BETWEEN US ARE RECEDING.
A STRENGTHENED AND MORE MATURE PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN US IS
IN PROSPECT. GREECE AND THE UNITED STATES ARE UNITED BY
THE STRONGEST TIES OF FAMILY. WE ARE JOINED BY COMMON
INSTITUTIONS AND IDEALS. WE SHARE TOGETHER BOTH THE RISKS
AND THE OPPORTUNITIES OF A UNIQUELY NEW ERA FOR MANKIND. WE

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CAN ONLY BENEFIT BY EXPANDING AND DEEPENING OUR MUTUAL
CONFIDENCE, RESPECT AND COLLABORATION.

GREECE HAS REJOINED THE GROUP OF NATIONS WHICH ARE
PRIVILEGED TO CALL THEMSELVES DEMOCRACIES--AND WE ALL
MARVELED AT THE WAY YOU DID IT. WE SUPPORT YOUR EFFORTS TO
STRENGTHEN YOUR FREEDOM. YOU ARE MOVING TOWARD FULL
MEMBERSHIP IN THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY--A STEP MY COUNTRY
WELCOMES. MY TRIP HERE WILL, I HOPE, HELP THE UNITED
STAES AND GREECE TO DEFINE MORE SHARPLY OUR COMMON OBJECTIVES
AND INTERESTS AND TO TRACE THE WAYS WE CAN WORK TOGETHER TO
PURSUE THEM. END SUGGESTED TOAST MATERIAL.
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